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He stated that he would make his report to Alexander Simpson, and if Simpson wanted to know anything further from me, he would summon me to appear in court, and stated that he was not here to be aggressive or unpleasant in his demands, and I replied that it would do him no good if he were, and that I was giving no information in the matter on advice of my counsel. He inquired who my counsel was, and I told him that it was James A. Butler, and of course, if he wanted to push the matter further, my lawyer would take up the fight and that I thought perhaps Senator Simpson had enough of a fight on his hands at this time without engaging in any more, to which he replied, "God knows he has his hands full now to face six lawyers."

He did not inquire as to whether my wife and daughters were at Lavallette during the summer of 1922 and particularly on September 14th, 1922, and as I did not want him to know that they would be witnesses for the defense, I let him assume that it was I who could give him the information he was seeking.



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